

## **Dirty Water: The Limited Commission vs. The Great Commission**

### **ICE BREAKER**

Share an opportunity you have had to experience Jesus in another cultural context. What did you do, see, feel, learn, question?

### **THINK**

1. Define mission work. Define humanitarian/development work.
2. Are mission work and humanitarian work able to be accomplished together? What are the positives of doing both? What are the negatives?
3. What is the purpose of mission trips?
4. What are the benefits for short-term (2 week) mission trips? Long-term (2 years) trips?

### **EXAMINE**

1. What characteristics make up a missions "Sender"? A missions "Goer"?
2. Read Matthew 28:16-20 together, then discuss each verse individually. Each one is important! (Side Note: the imperative in Greek is "make disciples", not "go". The "go" is assumed, but not the command.)
3. Respond to whether you agree or disagree with this statement: *"We need more good people working to fix the problems here in America first. We don't need to go abroad. There is just as much work that needs to be done here!"*

### **Missions by the numbers:**

1. US Population: 320 Million
  - 76% Christian
  - 51% Protestant
  - 25% Catholic
  - 97% have at least heard the name Jesus in some context
2. 10/40 Window (land mass between 10 and 40 degrees north): 4 Billion People (almost 2/3 world population)
  - 90% of the world's poorest of the poor
  - 62.5% of these people groups are completely unreached by the Gospel
  - Another 30% have some, or very limited access to the Gospel

### **APPLY IT**

1. What can we do? How should we do it? Why us?
2. What are some advantages in being an American when it comes to missions?
3. What are some disadvantages? (These far outweigh the advantages...think hard.)
4. Are you a Sender or a Goer?
5. What is your next step in being more faithful to God's mission in the world?

*The world doesn't need you; it needs Jesus. We must share Him to the world.*

Pray:

- 27 million caught in slave trade
- 2.7 Billion living on less than \$2 a day
- 5 Billion people who don't know and accept Christ as King

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